Remarks

The various parts of the Office Action (and other matters, if any) are discussed below under appropriate headings.

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowance of claims 1-10 is noted with appreciation. Claims 1-10 have been amended to delete reference numerals and to replace "characterized in that" with "wherein" as is more customary.

In addition, rejected claims 11-13 have been cancelled without prejudice. The cancellation of claims 11-13 should not be construed as an acquiescence in the rejections set forth in the Office Action. Rather, the claims are being cancelled to advance this application to allowance.

Drawings

Attached are replacement drawings wherein reference numeral 20 has been added to Fig. 6.

Specification

The specification has been amended to make the correction kindly noted by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103

The claim rejections are now moot in view of the cancellation of claims 11-13.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

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